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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER CFR.1.56 and CFR 1.97(b)**

The Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

**Re: United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/679,353
For: UPRIGHT VACUUM CLEANER
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Applicant: Conrad et al**

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In view of the forgoing, it is respectfully submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement should be considered at this time by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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